

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 7006

By Lamberth

A RESOLUTION to congratulate the School Resource Officers Division of the Sumner County Sheriff's Office upon its receipt of the Model Agency Award from the National Association of School Resource Officers.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly take great pride in recognizing those venerable law enforcement agencies that are devoted to serving their communities; and

WHEREAS, one such organization is the School Resource Officers (SRO) Division of the Sumner County Sheriff's Office, which was recently named the 2023 recipient of the Model Agency Award from the National Association of School Resource Officers (NASRO); and

WHEREAS, this prestigious honor is presented annually to those agencies that best exemplify the NASRO Triad model, training, policies, and standards—practices that ensure professional service to school communities and encourage creative and innovative approaches to school-based policing; and

WHEREAS, the SRO Division of the Sumner County Sheriff's Office has grown from just one SRO officer assigned to Gallatin High School to now include forty-nine full-time SRO officers assigned to each of the forty-nine public schools in Sumner County as well as one lieutenant and two sergeants who oversee all operations; and

WHEREAS, every Sumner County Deputy Sheriff assigned to the SRO Division is dedicated to fulfilling the NASRO mission of demonstrating the Triad concepts of Mentor, Teacher, and Law Enforcement Officer and thus participates in a range of activities throughout the school year, including coaching sports, sponsoring clubs, teaching law enforcement-related topics in the classroom, providing security for community meetings and programs, parade escorts, and coordinating community-oriented programs; and

WHEREAS, the SRO Division also operates its own summer camp program, C.H.A.M.P. Camp, which seeks to continue the rapport and relationship building between SRO officers and students; C.H.A.M.P. Camp represents the attributes of character, honesty, attitude, motivation, and positivity; and

WHEREAS, the week-long camp is filled with games, lessons, arts and crafts, archery, impaired driving simulation, ERT/SWAT meet and greets, K-9 demonstrations, a community service project, and a trip to a local state park that includes an opportunity to fish and hike as well as a certificate presentation; and

WHEREAS, the dedicated members of the SRO Division not only serve daily in each of the county's forty-nine schools but several are also members of other specialized units or teams, including Swift Water Rescue, Critical Incident Reponse, Child Passenger Safety Technicians, Crisis Intervention Team, Bicycle Patrol Unit, Motorcycle Unit, Investigations, and much more; and

WHEREAS, this esteemed organization has brought honor to the State of Tennessee and should be recognized on this special occasion; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate the School Resource Officers Division of the Sumner County Sheriff's Office upon its receipt of the Model Agency Award from the National Association of School Resource Officers.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.